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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

Mr. Colby:

I thought you might be interested in reading an extract from a report of external training prepared by a young analyst from the Office of Current Intelligence [REDACTED] (SS-13) who attended Stanford University for the academic year 1972-73 under the sponsorship of the Education for Public Management Program of the Civil Service Commission:

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"The year at Stanford also gave me a better perspective on the Agency and its role in the government and US society. Without belaboring the point, I remain convinced of the utility of an independent analytical source in the government. I grew even more convinced, however, that we can do the job better and more efficiently. My contacts with students and faculty, as well as examination of broader trends in American society, convinced me that the Agency will have to operate far more openly if it is to retain public support and attract exceptional talent.

"My contact with the academic world reinforced my belief that interchange with it is essential to the conduct of intelligent analysis. Although academics may not be 'current' or even, at times 'relevant,' they maintain less perishable but equally valuable qualities--perspective and background. In addition, they are frequently the source of new approaches and insights. I hope the year will encourage me to maintain contact with the professional groups of relevance to my Agency work."

"SIGNED"

Alfonso Rodriguez
Chairman
Training Selection Board

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